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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

 (Currently amended) A flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition comprising at least a plant-derived resin which is a polylactic acid resin (A) and a flame retardant (B), wherein the weight proportions of the individual components in the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition are:

$$30 \leq W_1 < 55.5$$

wherein W_1 is the percentage by mass of the plant-derived resin (A) and X_1 is the percentage by mass of the flame retardant (B), and 90% by mass or more of the flame retardant (B) comprises aluminum hydroxide containing sodium oxide in an amount of 0.18% 0.2% by mass or less, and the number average molecular weight of the polylactic acid resin is at least 30.000.

2. (Currently amended) A flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition comprising at least a plant-derived resin which is a polylactic acid resin (A), a flame retardant (B) and an aromatic ring-containing compound (C), wherein the weight proportions of the individual components in the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition are:

25≤W2<55.5

39.5<u>≤</u>X₂<u>≤</u>70

0.5≦Y≦20

wherein W_2 is the percentage by mass of the plant-derived resin (A), X_2 is the percentage by mass of the flame retardant (B), and Y is the percentage by mass of the

aromatic ring-containing compound (C), and 90% by mass or more of the flame retardant (B) comprises aluminum hydroxide containing sodium oxide in an amount of 0.18% 0.2% by mass or less, and the number average molecular weight of the polylactic acid resin is at least 30,000.

3. (Currently amended) A flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition comprising at least a plant-derived resin which is a polylactic acid resin (A), a flame retardant (B), an aromatic ring-containing compound (C) and a nucleating agent (D), wherein the weight proportions of the individual components in the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition are:

25≦W₃<55.5 29.5≤X₃≦70 0.5≦Y≦20

 $0.05 < Z \le 20$

wherein W₃ is the percentage by mass of the plant-derived resin (A), X₃ is the percentage by mass of the flame retardant (B), Y is the percentage by mass of the aromatic ring-containing compound (C), and Z is the percentage by mass of the nucleating agent (D), and 90% by mass or more of the flame retardant (B) comprises aluminum hydroxide containing sodium oxide in an amount of 0.18% 0.2% by mass or less, and the number average molecular weight of the polylactic acid resin is at least 30.000.

4. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to Claim 2, wherein the aromatic ring-containing compound (C) is a

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compound selected from the group consisting of phenols, silicone compounds and boron compounds.

- 5. (Canceled)
- 6. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 1, further comprising a drip-proof agent (E) in a weight proportion of 1% by mass or less to the total mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.
- 7. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 1, further comprising a high-strength fiber (F) in a weight proportion of 10% by mass or less to the total mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.
- (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to Claim 3, wherein the aromatic ring-containing compound (C) is a compound selected from the group consisting of phenols, silicone compounds and boron compounds.
 - 9 11. (Canceled)
- (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 2, further comprising a drip-proof agent (E) in a weight proportion

of 1% by mass or less to the total mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.

- 13. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 3, further comprising a drip-proof agent (E) in a weight proportion of 1% by mass or less to the total mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.
- 14. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 4, further comprising a drip-proof agent (E) in a weight proportion of 1% by mass or less to the total mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.

15. (Canceled)

- 16. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 2, further comprising a high-strength fiber (F) in a weight proportion of 10% by mass or less to the total mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.
- 17. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 3, further comprising a high-strength fiber (F) in a weight proportion of 10% by mass or less to the total mass of the flame-retardant

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thermoplastic resin composition.

18. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 4, further comprising a high-strength fiber (F) in a weight proportion of 10% by mass or less to the total mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 6, further comprising a high-strength fiber (F) in a weight proportion of 10% by mass or less to the total mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.